

RogerDahlin

From: Jenny Aries <oneboxermom@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 10:58 AM
To: Roger@Dahlin.com
Subject: Re: Essex Candle Company

Hello Roger,

I have a ledger book of the candle company...that's fun to look at!

I will mark my calendar and see if I can go down to museum and grab a few images for you prior to the 7th? The machine is fully functioning but of course quite a job to lift and work the contraption. It stays in a room of its own.

Jan 7 @11am is great! My number is 443-416-1872 if I have not shared prior.

I do not have any idea why someone did not get back to you but I will do my best to see what I can find. I am not entirely familiar with all of our archives yet.

Happy Holidays!

Jenny

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-----Original Message-----

From: RogerDahlin <Roger@Dahlin.com>
To: 'Jenny Aries' <oneboxermom@aol.com>
Cc: Terri Knachel <howterri@aol.com>
Sent: Thu, Dec 22, 2016 2:58 pm
Subject: RE: Essex Candle Company

Dear Jenny

What a joy hearing from you ! I have been trying to get in touch with someone in your organization since 2004 This includes at least three letters and a few phone calls [See attached 2004 letter] In response to your suggestion I have marked my calendar on Saturday Jan 7 to call you at 11:00 AM . In the event my faulty memory fails me ,call me at my home 315 303 4184

Best for the upcoming holiday season

Roger Dahlin

PS I plan to forward my two emails to Terri Knachel just to ensure you have what I passed to her

From: Jenny Aries [<mailto:oneboxermom@aol.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 8:55 PM
To: RogerDahlin
Cc: Terri Knachel
Subject: Re: Essex Candle Company

Wow Roger!

These are gorgeous images!! I would love to print them and give provenance to our amazing candle co. room. The ladies were definitively a staple in the community.

Let's talk more hereafter... Probably after the new year? Let's work on a small bio for each of the family members in the images? I'm free daytime Jan 7 or 8? Pick a time?

What a pleasant surprise! Thank you very much! I'm am looking to build the museum history with community and its members as opposed to 'stuff'.

Happy holidays!!

Jenny Parish
443-416-1872

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse any typos or brevity.

On Dec 21, 2016, at 8:23 PM, RogerDahlin <Roger@Dahlin.com> wrote:

Dear Jenny

I received your name and email from Teri Knachel. I understand that you are Vice President and archivist for the Museum of Essex-Middle River . My uncle Frank Spaeth owned and operated the Essex Candle Company. When his wife Hazel Spaeth died she turned over the equipment of the old candle factory to your organization Frank Spaeth Jr. and Hazel had no children . Frank Spaeth Jr. was known in the family by his baseball nickname "Bude" I have attached six photos

- 1 Frank Jr. "Bude" and his wife Hazel
- 2 Bude early baseball photo second from left first row
- 3 Example of a Essex Candle company calendar that " Bude" sent out to customers and family members
4. Copy of Essex Candle Company trademark
- 5 Bude's father Frank Spaeth Sr working as a candle maker at the Will & Baumer Candle factory in Syracuse NY, about 1900 He is at the table looking at the camera wearing a dark shirt and apron Bude also worked at Will & Baumer
- 6 Early family photo Frank Jr."Bude is standing in rear My Mother Grace{Spaeth} Dahlin is standing to his right

Please let me know if you get these photos ok

Roger Dahlin

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THE SPAETH FAMILY - AN INTRODUCTION

In 1852 after a long voyage from Germany a young man and his father stepped onto the streets of Syracuse. This young man was John Spaeth. Family tradition is that they came via the Erie Canal but it is more likely that their trip from New York to Syracuse was by train. Syracuse at that time had a population of about 15,000 that included approximately 5000 Germans. Within this large German community John met a German fraulein that he later married and they eventually had ten children. With a family of ten children, five that were boys, one could speculate that this particular Spaeth name would pop up in the Syracuse telephone book and other parts of our Country. Unfortunately, with the passing of Bessie Spaeth in January 2001 the Spaeth name passed with her.

To more clearly understand the Spaeth legacy, join John on July 20, 1892. On this day thousands of people watched what might have been the biggest parade in nineteenth century Syracuse. This celebration was the Pioneer German's Association festival where well-known German-American citizens rode in horse-drawn wagons in the order of their coming to the United States. Leading the parade was the Chief Marshal and his aides followed by Maurer's band in a large bandwagon. Shortly behind was a hefty wagon bearing a large red white and blue shield with the letters 1852. Proudly sitting in this wagon, along with other Germans who came to the U.S. that year, was John Spaeth.

Immediately following the parade all the Pioneers attended a grand banquet at the Turn Verein hall where homilies of their German heritage were given. Significant was a letter from the President of Cornell University who was a former minister to Germany. In this letter, Andrew White underscored what he believed to be one of the principal wants of American life that German-Americans understood and practiced. That is, the German concept of Gemütlichkeit which is the ability to enjoy life without abusing it. With focused insight, those who can trace their roots to John Spaeth should easily recognize Gemütlichkeit in their own family.

-oF. Roger Dahlin

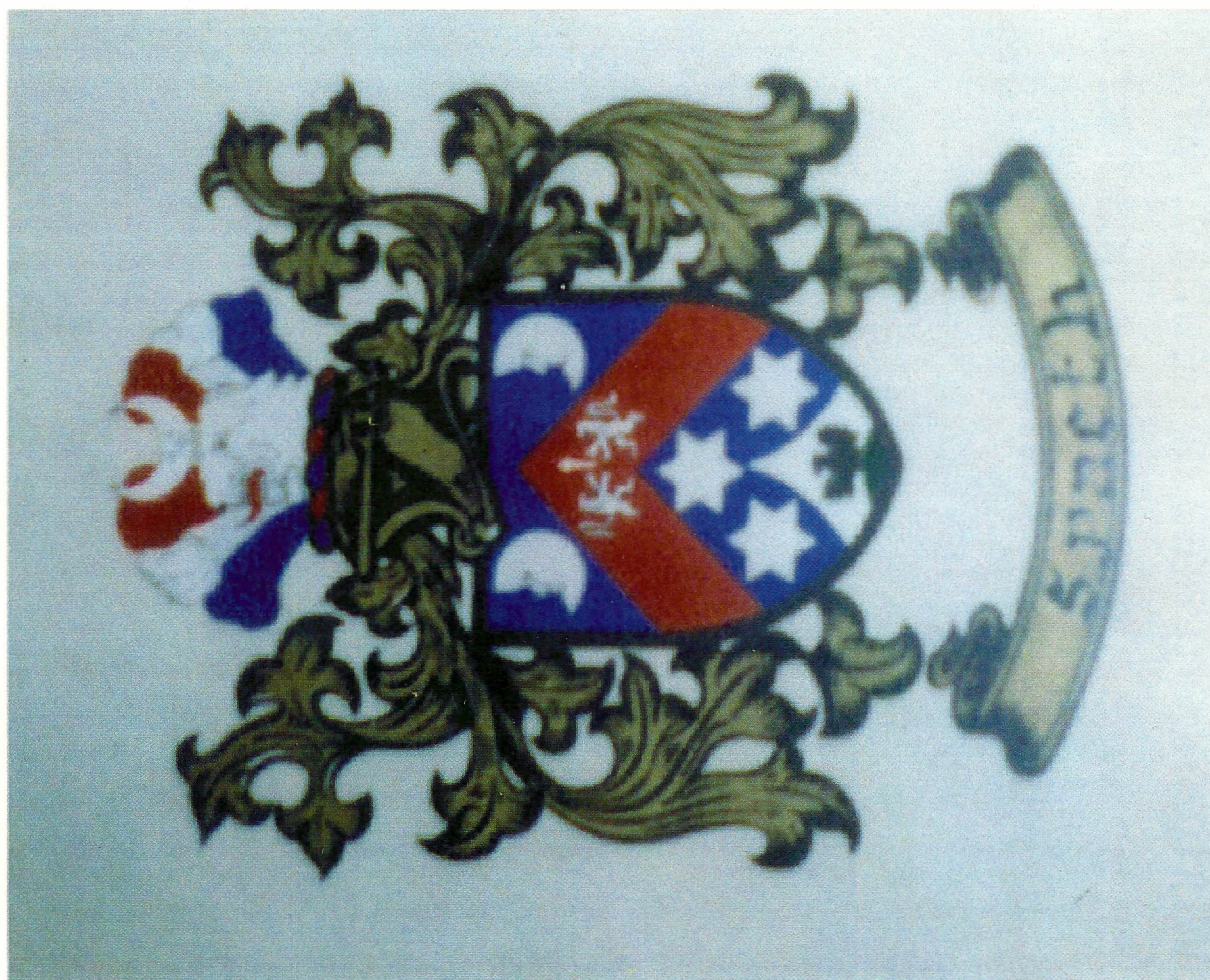
OVERVIEW OF
JOHN spaeth
grandfather
of FRANK J. spaeth
ESSEX CANDLE CO
Founder



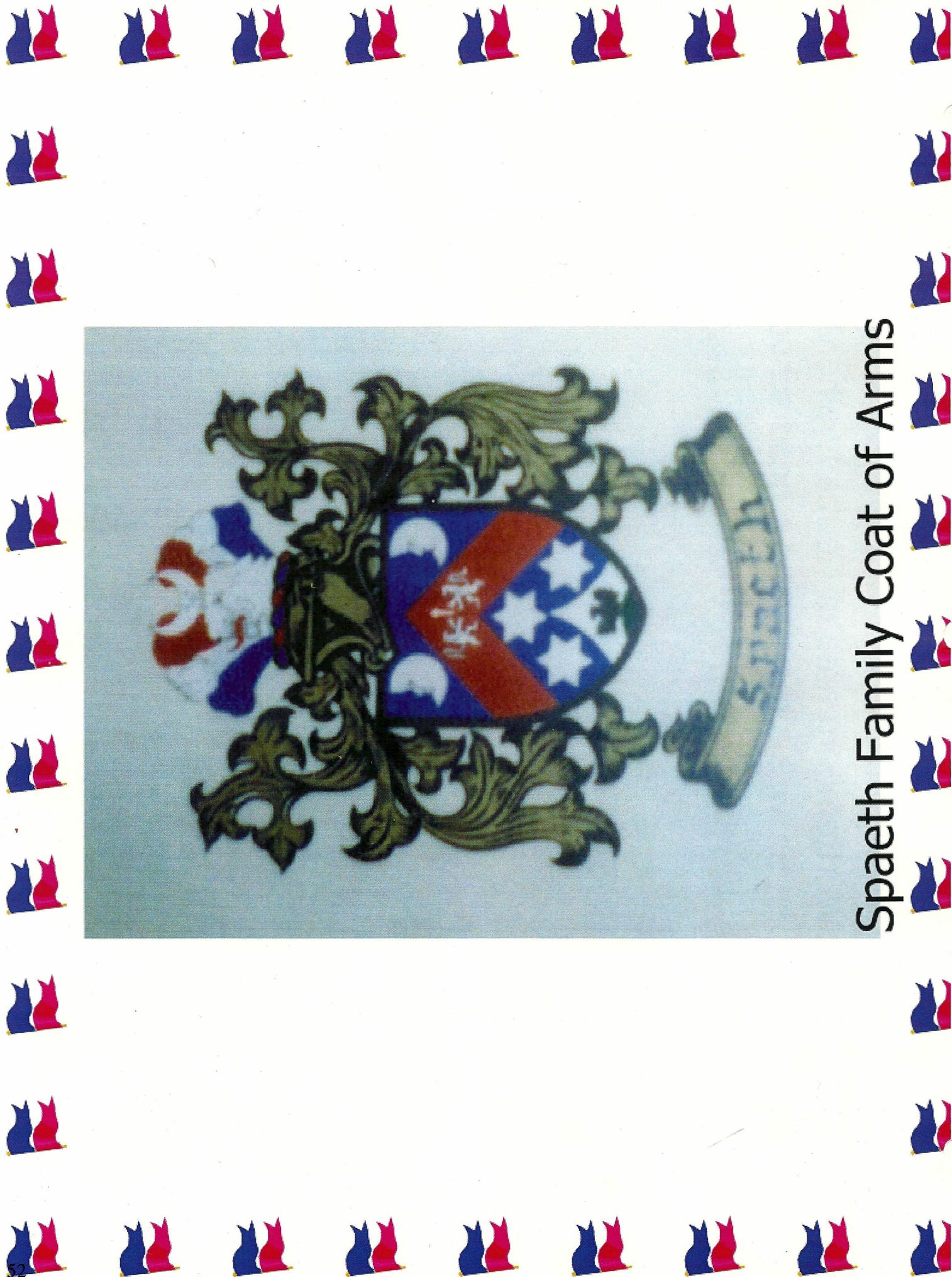
Corner of Salina Street and the Erie Canal, Syracuse Ny 1854 about the time when John Spaeth arrived.

John Spaeth Sr. immigrated to America with his son John. They came from the Wurttemberg area of Germany where the family story tells us John Sr. was a mayor and a head school master. This is a photo of the family home in Germany.





Spaeth Family Coat of Arms





Spaeth Family Memorabilia

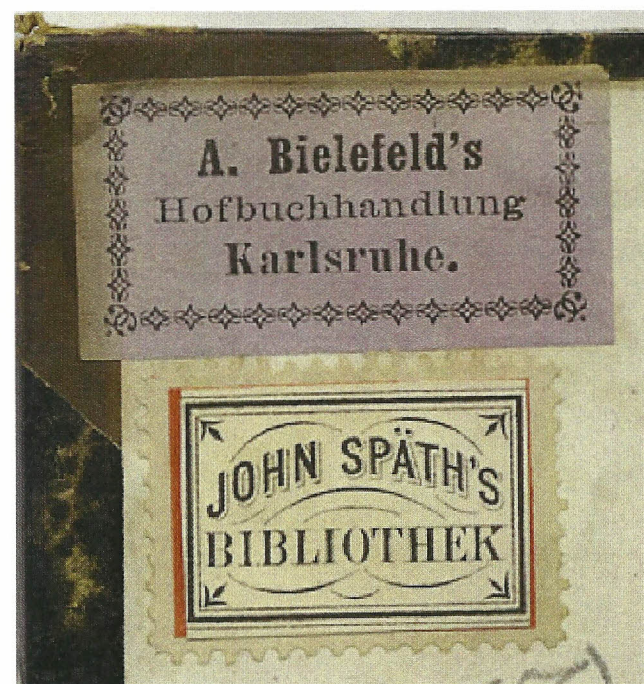
John Spaeth's inkwell, marked with Red and Black ink, used in his bookkeeping business.

I HAVE
THE INKWELL
SHOWN.
I SAW MANY OF
JOHN'S BOOKS, LONG
GONE WHEN I WAS
YOUNG

John Spaeth Bookmark.

"John Spaeth's Library"

The upper label is a person's name, A. Bielefeld, from his "Yard Book Shop" in the city of Karlsruhe Germany, which is on the Rhine River in the southern Baden-Wurttemberg area of Germany.





John Spaeth Jr. appears in the Syracuse NY census in 1855 as age 20. John was part of the "Home Guard" of the Civil War. He did not see active duty in the Civil War. This photo is of him in his "Home Guard" uniform.



John Spaeth and Crescentia Mulhauser Spaeth. Both born in Germany, married April 27, 1857. Both were the only children of their parents.

John and Crescentia Spaeth and 6 of their 10 children.



Oral family history tell us that John graduated from the University of Berlin and completed 2 years in the priesthood. We have no concrete proof of that. Changes in the government in Germany that planned to take over the church was the reason he came to America. He was on his way to Buffalo NY to go to the Bernard Bros. Seminary to become a priest. He stopped in Syracuse NY to visit friends and met Crescentia Mulhauser. They married and had 10 children. They bought the family home at 611 Carbon Street in 1868. During this time, the deep backyard extended down to the next street and John planted grapes and a variety of fruit trees. He had a bird aviary. When the birds died he had them mounted and put in cases. He raised hybrid plants and made furniture.

He served as treasurer of Assumption church for most of his life. Both the Spaeths and the Markets had a major impact on the building of the church. He gave legal advise to people in the community and was highly respected. The last 2 years of his life he suffered from stomach cancer. He died at age 59. Both he and Crecencia were buried in St. Joseph's Cemetery on 7th North St., then moved to Assumption cemetery .

Checking through the Syracuse Business Directory through the late 1800's it shows John working as a bookkeeper. In those days the term accountant was not used, so for all practical purposes he was an accountant who worked for other companies. At least between 1880 and 1890 he had his own business at 45 Water Street which listed his business as a Bird Dealer and a bookkeeper.

The story via Aunt Francis Spaeth is that John had a big collection of live birds in the lower section of his house on Carbon St. When he came home after work he would open the cages and let them fly around. When the birds died he had them mounted. Three bird displays still exist, one at Marylyn Careys (pictured), another owned by Neil Rathbun. One came from Pond Lane, the long time family home, and is owned by Roger Dahlin. Also he was an active gardener he had all kinds of fruit trees and grape arbors. His property on Carbon Street originally ran all the way back to the street below him and it was filled with fruit trees.

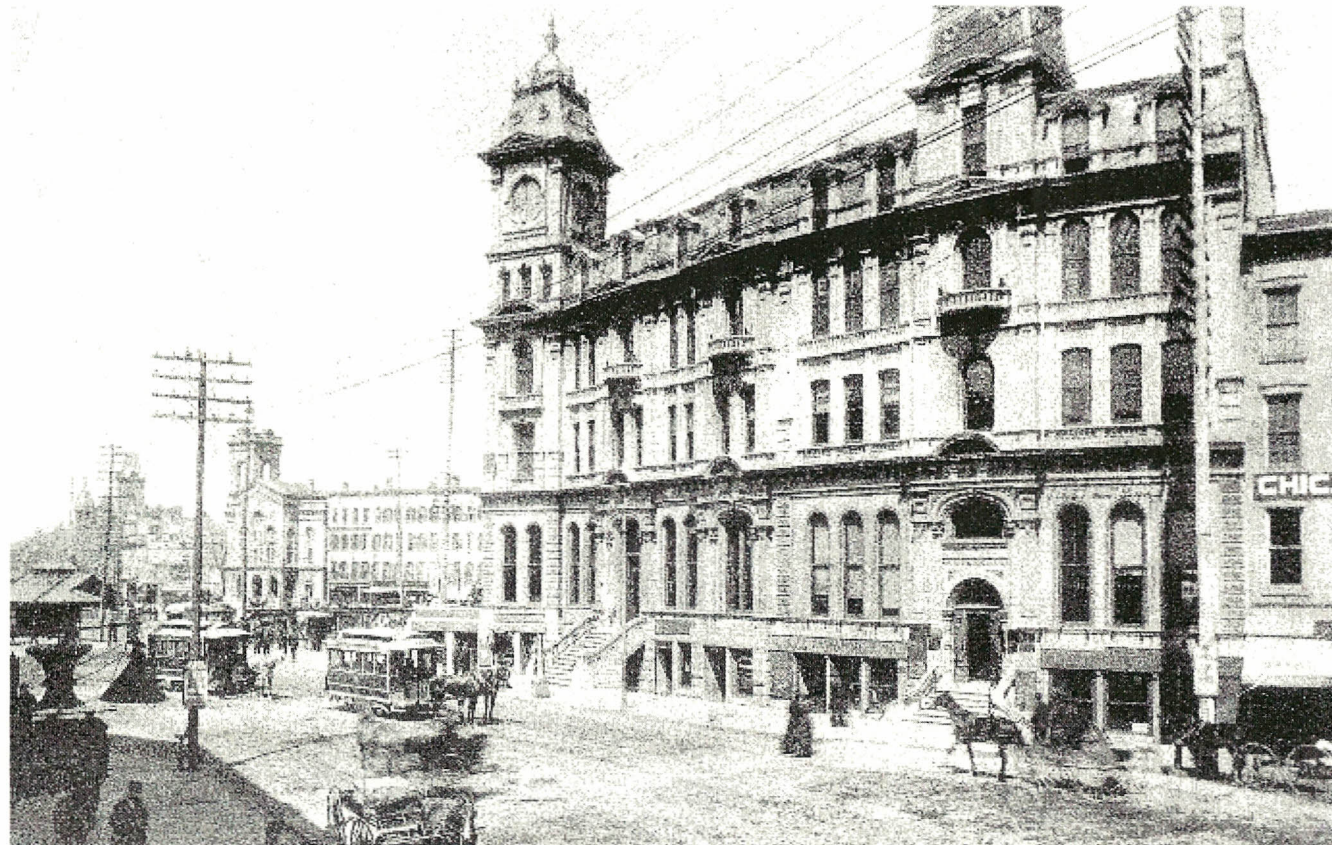
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Water Street ran parallel to the canal. It was where all the business were, due to the ease of transportation. The back on the canal is where the docks were for shipment and deliveries.

This picture of Water Street 1880 is about a block down from where John's business was (to the right). This is what it looked like during his time. The main building in the picture still can be seen on the corner of Salina and Water Streets in downtown Syracuse.

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Assumption Church History

The Assumption Church has been a focal point for the Spaeth family for more than five generations.

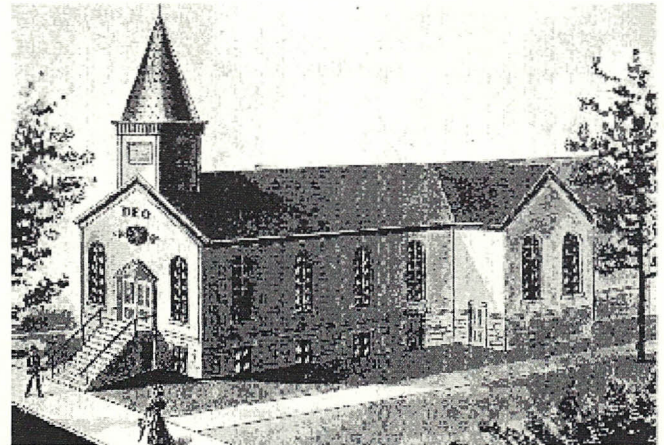
When John Spaeth and his father settled in Syracuse they joined a small existing German Catholic Church. Because John had considerable formal education for his time he likely was involved in the parish planning. During the Civil war the parish outgrew the accommodations of the small church and they decided to build "The most beautiful church in Central New York". John Spaeth was most certainly at the cornerstone setting on June 11, 1865. John served as church treasurer and was active in church organizations such as the St. Josephs Society. When his son Frank died in 1942, Frank's family received a formal accommodation acknowledging his service as an usher since March 3, 1895. Frank Spaeth wife's (Markert) family were also church leaders. A stain glass window in the back of the church still can be seen with the Markert name in it.

Christenings, confirmations, school, marriage and funerals buttress the Spaeth family history along with many stories. For example, on Sunday April 1, 1934, Gordon and Dick Dahlin on the way to Sunday mass were stopped by a friend and told them that the church was burning. They thought it was an April Fools joke. Unfortunately, the church experienced a devastating fire where the main roof collapsed. Fortunately, the beautiful fresco above the main altar "The Glorification of the Savior" survived.

Today the Spaeth name is no longer on the church registry and Vietnamese rather than German can be heard in the church vestibule. However a small spark remains. One of Gordon Dahlin's children is a member of the parish and if you are fortunate enough to sit in on one of the parish's sauerbratten dinners you may be served by an Spaeth ancestor. John Spaeth would be pleased.



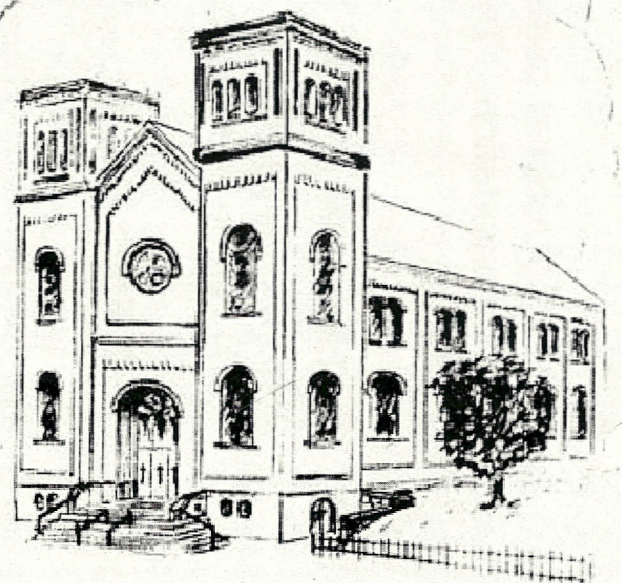
Interior



1851



1890



1867

Newspaper articles about the fire at the church.

Scenes at Fire That Destroyed Assumption Church Buildings

FIRE IS THIRD DISASTER TO VISIT CHURCH

Lightning in 1908 and Wind Storm in 1925 Caused Damage

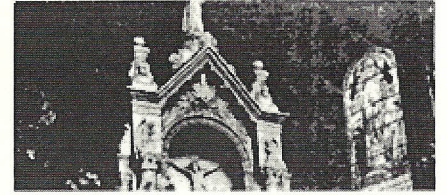
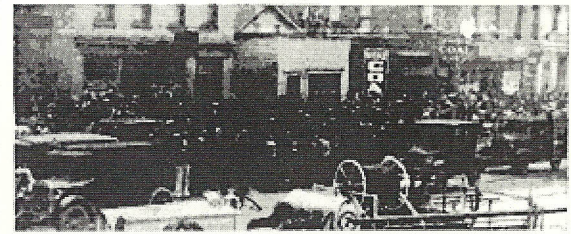
Assumption church, which was destroyed by fire last night, is the third disaster to visit the church since its founding in 1858. The church, which was founded by the Sisters of the Assumption, was destroyed by fire last night, the third disaster to visit the church since its founding in 1858. The church, which was founded by the Sisters of the Assumption, was destroyed by fire last night, the third disaster to visit the church since its founding in 1858.



Smoke clouds smoking ruins of Church of the Assumption.

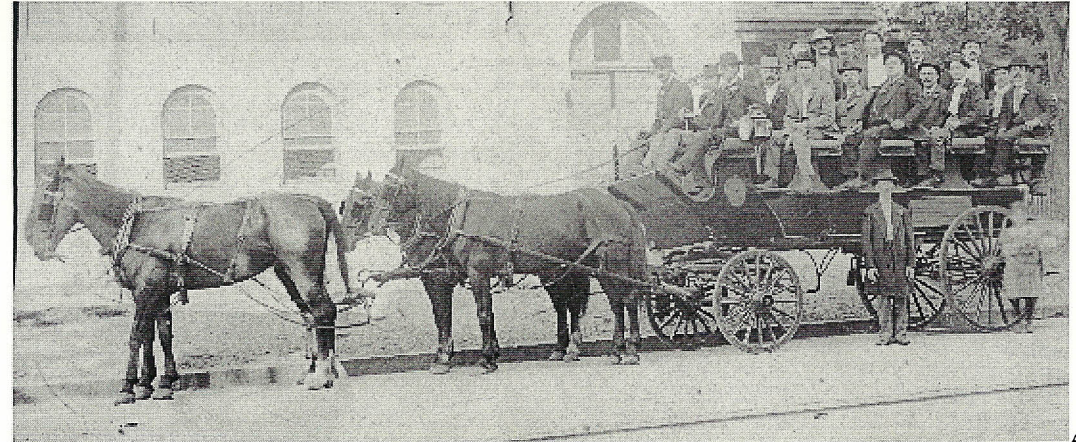


Large crowd of people gathered in front of the church, watching the fire.



John Spaeth, top row, far left
St. Joseph's Society

Frank A. Spaeth, seated, above the man standing in front of wagon. Assumptions Ushers outing.





First Communion Card

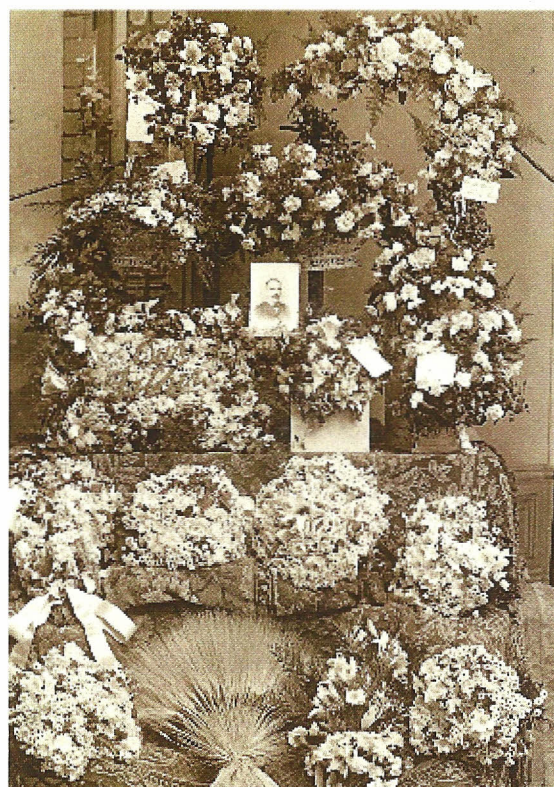


St. Crescentia



John Spaeth

Arrangement of flowers at John Spaeth's funeral, photograph in arrangement is this same one.



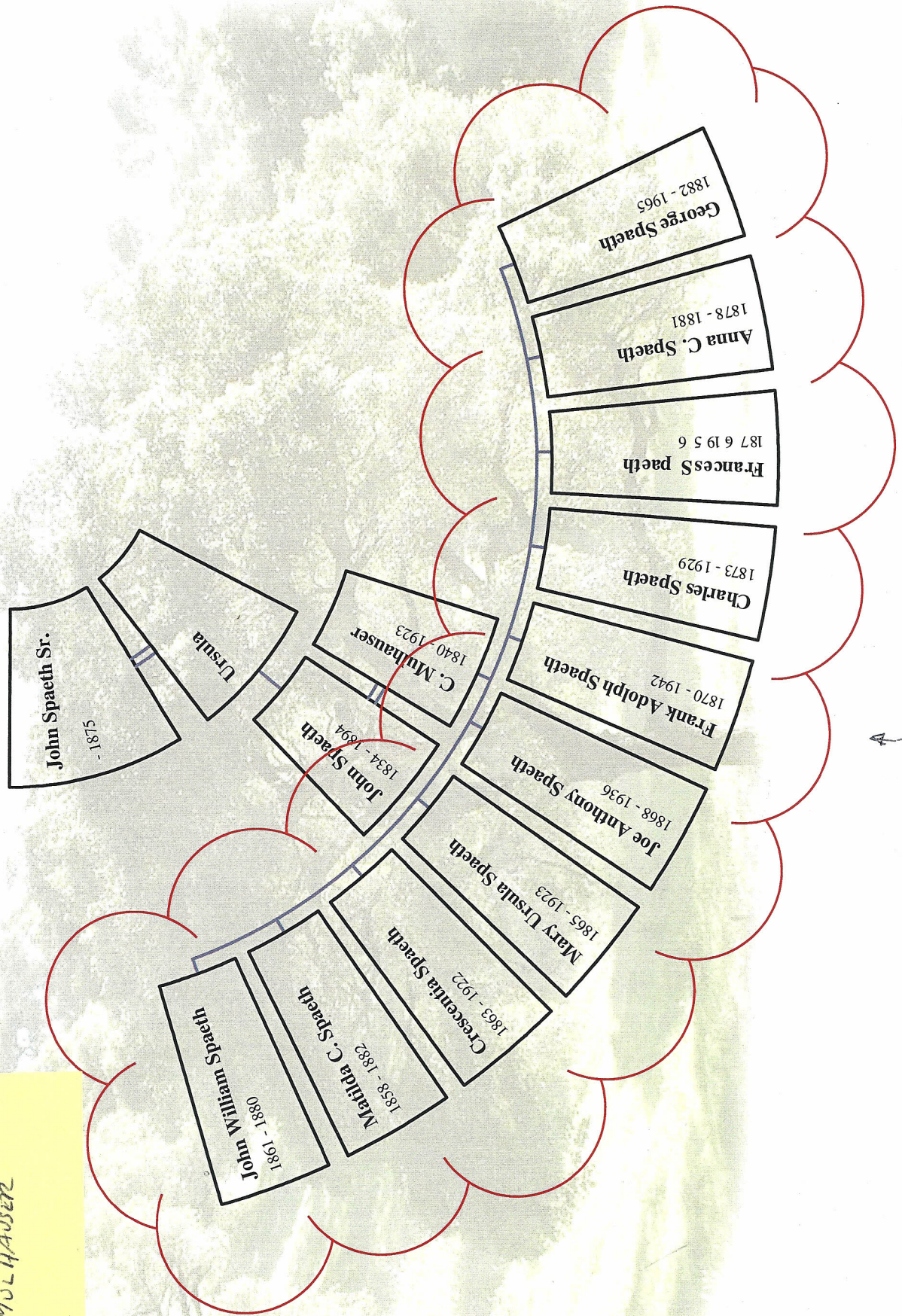
John had a good German friend who was Chief Surgeon at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was Jewish and would sneak over to John's to enjoy good pork sausage. According to Aunt Frances Gamerdinger, when John died he performed the autopsy on the kitchen table at the Carbon St. house. Aunt France said she remembered seeing a tumor the size of a cabbage removed from John. He reportedly died from cancer. I think I have the table in my kitchen.

- F. Roger Dahlin

His death notice in the Syracuse newspaper read: "John Spaeth, one of the early settlers of Onondaga county, died at his residence, 611 Carbon St. yesterday. He came to Syracuse from Wittenberg Germany, 42 years ago, and has lived here since. For some time he has been with William C. Gere as a bookkeeper, and was very popular among those who knew him. He was 59 years old. He leaves a widow and 5 children, Mrs. Haag, Mrs. Fred Wolf, Joseph, Frank, Charles and George Spaeth."

Direct Descendants of John Spaeth Sr.

FAMILY TREE
JOHN SPAETH
& CRESENTIA
MULHAUSER

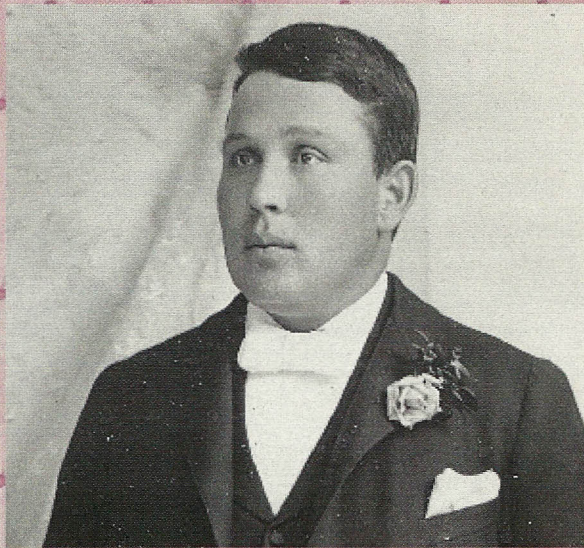


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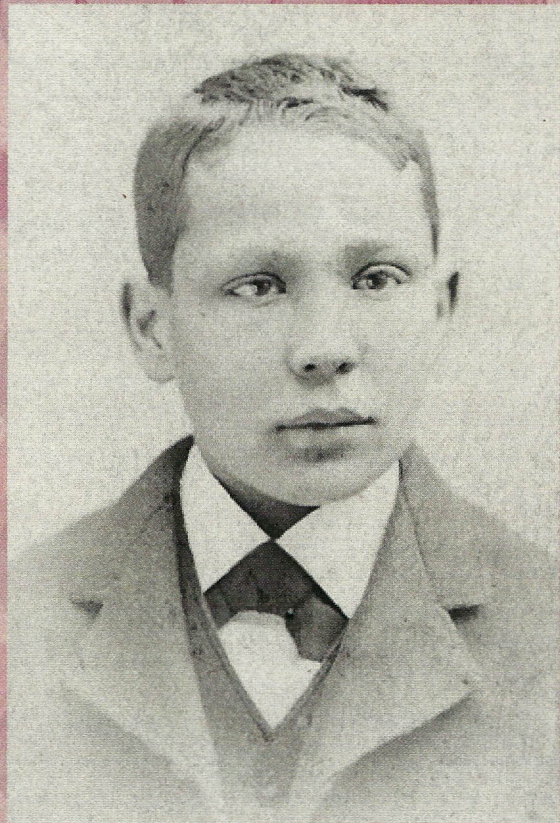
Frank A spaeth my Grandfather and, Frank Jr Farmer
Died approx 17/17

Frank A spaeth
Photo not shown
is my grandfather
& Frank J Spaeth's
FATHER
RD

Siblings of Frank Adolph Spaeth



Joe Anthony Spaeth, age 26



Joe Anthony Spaeth, age 11

From the Syracuse Herald paper, October 31, 1936:

Joseph A. Spaeth, 69 years old and blind, died at 8 o'clock Friday night in St. Joseph Hospital. Spaeth, who was rescued from a blazing bedroom in his second-floor aptment at 611 Carbon St. early Tuesday morning was carried out of the burning structure by Fireman Ray Worth of Engine Company 2 and taken to the hopspital in an ambulance. Patrolman Daniel Simons, who discovered the fire while cruising in a prowler car telephoned the alarm, returned and broke down the front door of the house. Mrs. Charles Gamerdiner, 60, sister of Spaeth, who was nearly overcome by the smoke, was taken by Simons to a neighbor's home and then he learned that Spaeth was still was in the house. Simons was driven from his second attempt to enter the house and Fireman Worth crawled along the floor, finally reaching the second floor. In a smoke-filled room and sitting on the edge of a bed, Spaeth was found. Mrs. Gamerdinger is in St. Joseph's Hospital, recovering from the effects of smoke.

Siblings of Frank Adolph Spaeth



John Spaeth, fell through ice, died of pneumonia at age 19



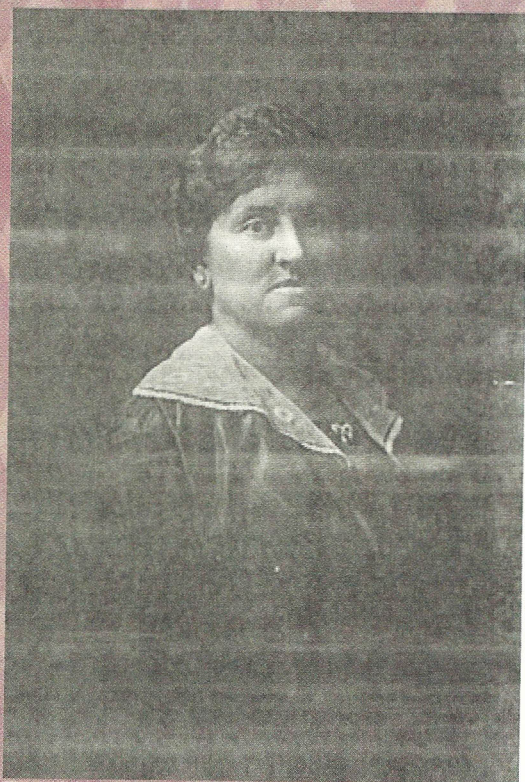
George Spaeth



Crescentia Spaeth Haag



Frances Spaeth
Gamerding





Joe Spaeth, his mother, Crescentia Mulhauser, Spaeth and brother Charlie on Carbon Street porch.

Gordon remembers seeing them sitting on the porch often.



Mary Ursula married Fred Wolff



Aunt Francis and the "big car", with Grace and Bernice, around 1920

Aunt Francis

Aunt Francis, as known to the Spaeth Cousins, was a family icon during the 1930's and 1940's. A cheerful and gregarious woman she would on Christmas Eve sing, in German, complete versus to "Oh Christmas Tree" to the family. Her Husband Charlie was a high- end engineer on New York Central Railroad and consequently, although they were childless, Francis did not have to work. After Charlie died, Francis inherited his Hudson touring car and after thirteen tests she finally got her drivers license. Unfortunately, for the most part she was afraid to drive and Gordon, age 16, would often drive her sitting in the back seat on short excursions. Francis passed along much of the Spaeth folklore to Bunnie Rathbun, which has survived.

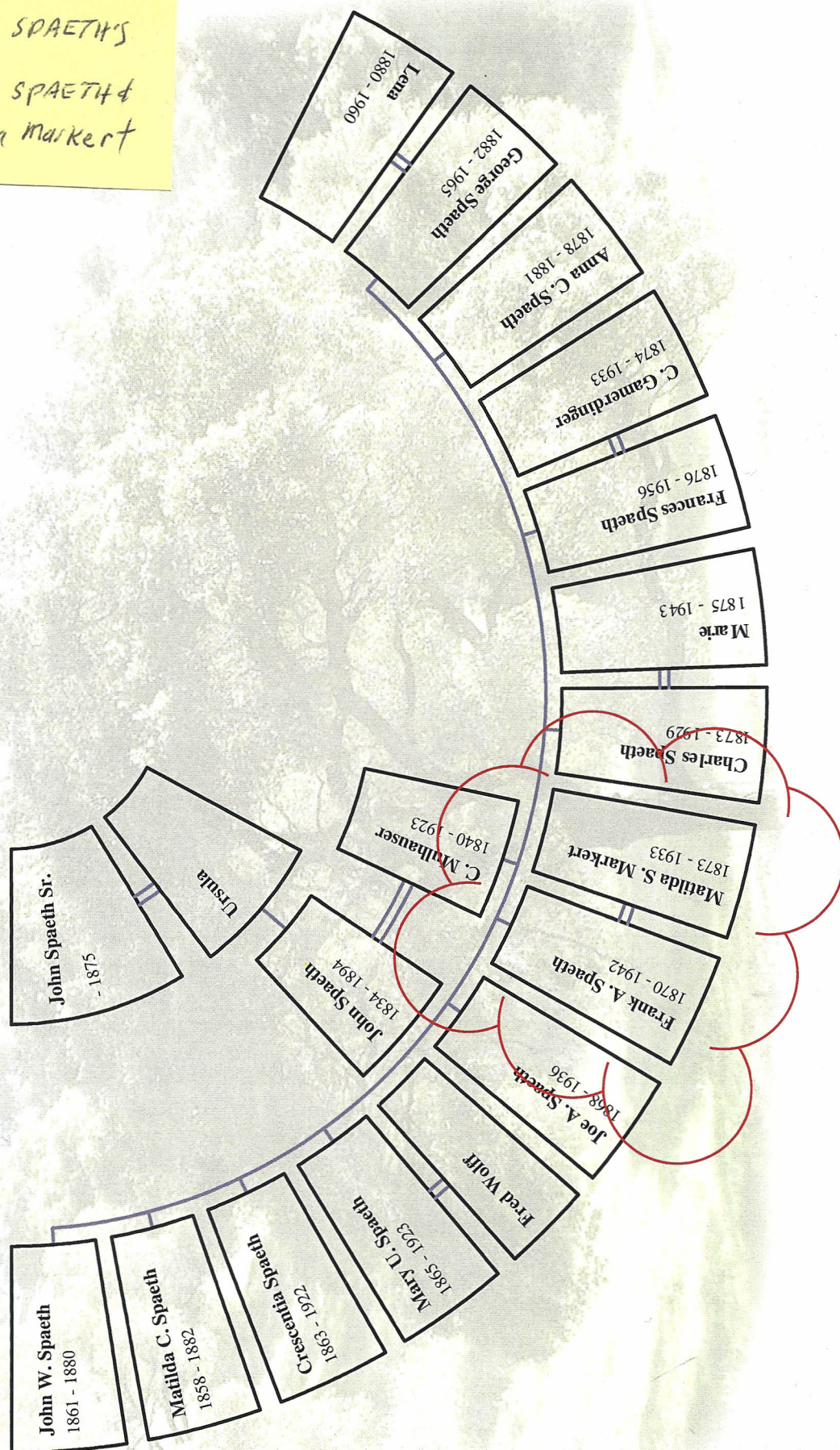


Gathering at Male Ave. - Pa, Dick, Viv, Aunt Francis, Neil, Grace and a cousin Irene St. John. She was related on Grace and Bun's mother's side of the family and lived in Rochester.

- F. Roger Dahlin

Descendants of John Spaeth Sr.

OVERVIEW OF
FRANK J. SPAETH'S
PARENTS:
FRANK A SPAETH &
MATILDA MARKERT



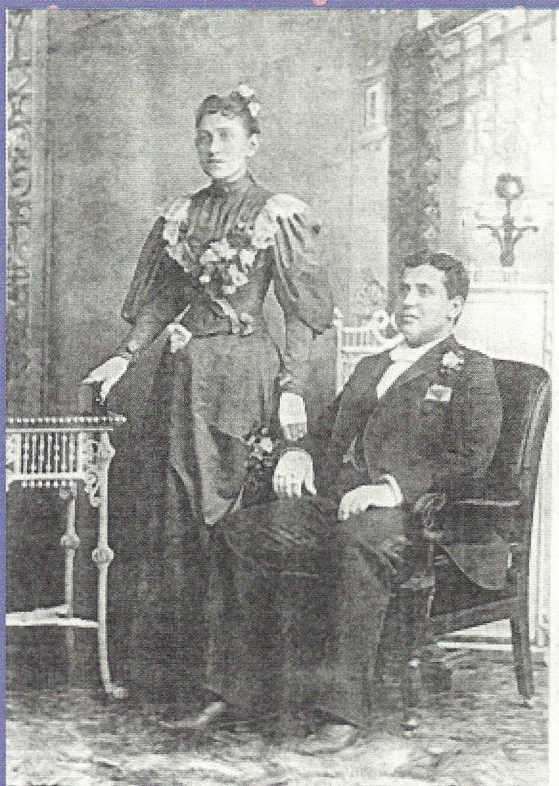
Frank and Matilda married on June 5, 1894

Frank Adolph Spaeth



Matilda Seraphina Markert

Frank and Matilda Spaeth



Frank and Matilda, "Pa" and "Adder" to the Spaeth family of 6 children

Frank Spaeth was "pa". He was an usher at Assumptin Church for years. He worked at Will and Baumer. He liked to play cards and enjoyed his beer.



Matilda was called "Adder", a German name for mother, or Till, by Frank. Matilda Spaeth was educated at the School of the Assumption, as were her children. She planned on being a nun until she met Frank Adolph Spaeth. They married 6/5/1894 and had 6 children. They lived at 733 North Alvord St. and 109 Pond Lane, Syracuse NY.

She was very devoted to the church. Upon her death, she was buried in her wedding dress, as was her wish.



Frank's first communion

NOTE:

FRANK'S
FIRST COMMUNION
CANDLE

Frank and Matilda Spaeth

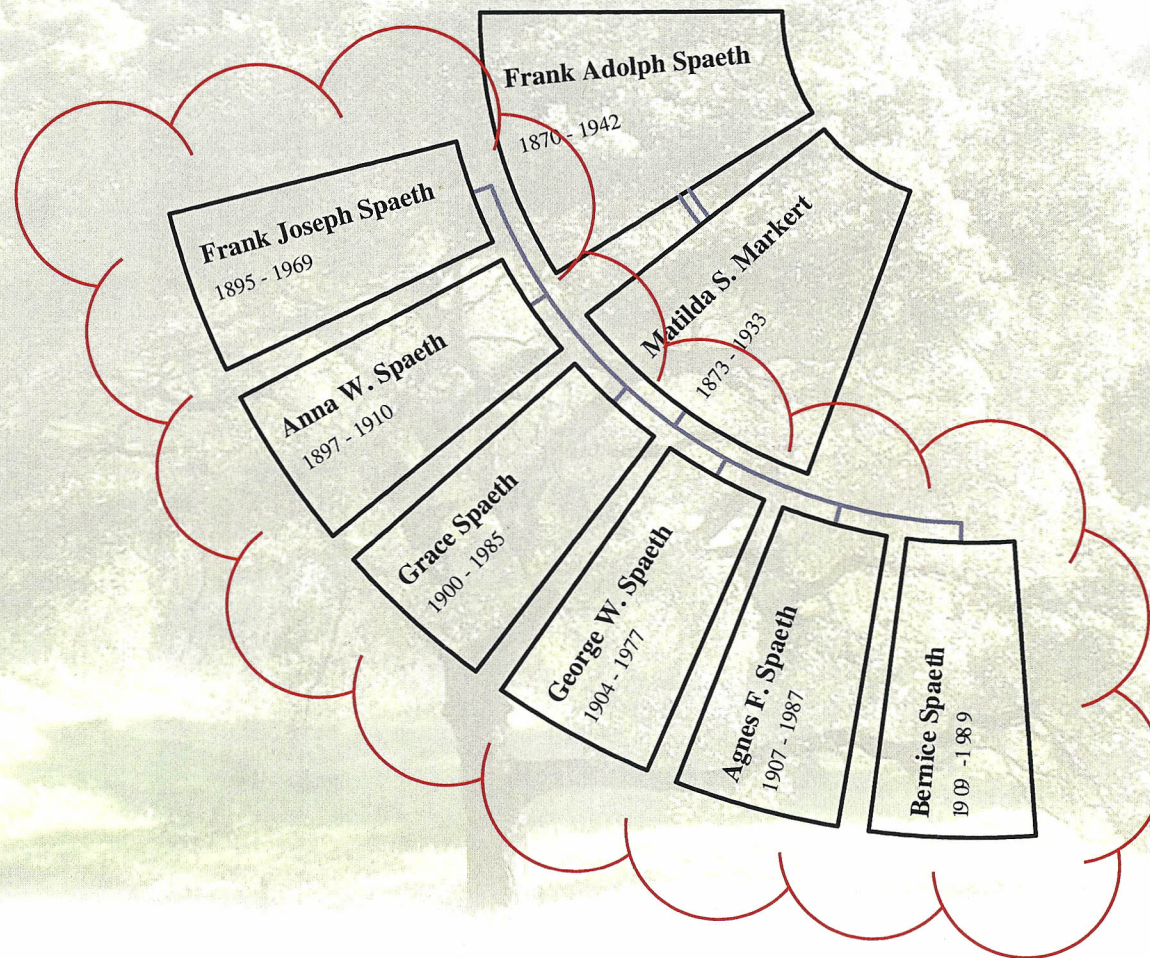


Frank, 4/2/1870 - 10/15/1942

Matilda, 5/31/1873 - 10/23/1933



Direct Descendants of Frank Adolph Spaeth



The children of Frank and Matilda Spaeth



Frank (Bude)
1895 - 1969



Anna Wilhelmina
1897 - 1910

FRANK JOSEPH
ESSEX CANDLE CO.
FOUNDER

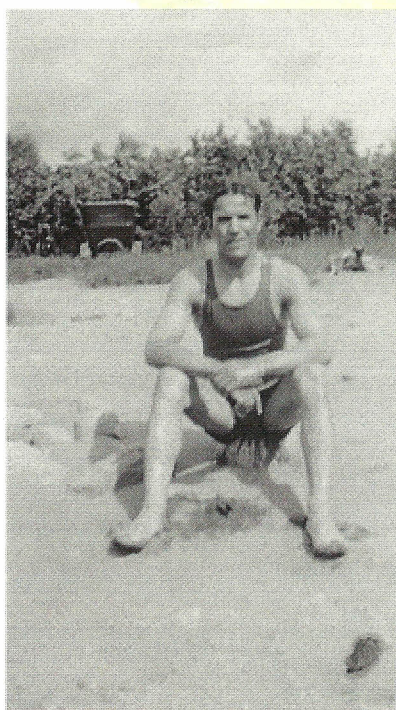


Crecencia
Mathilda
(Grace) 1900 -
1985

MY MOTHER
GRACE (SPAETH)
DAHLIN

Roger Dahlin 1/7/17

The children of Frank and Matilda Spaeth



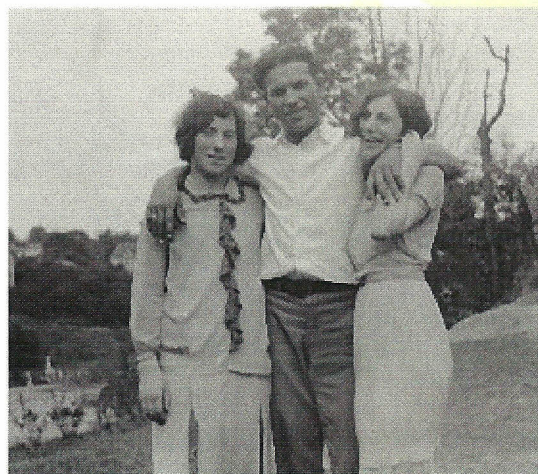
George
William
1904 - 1977



Agnes Frances
(Clair)
1907 - 1987



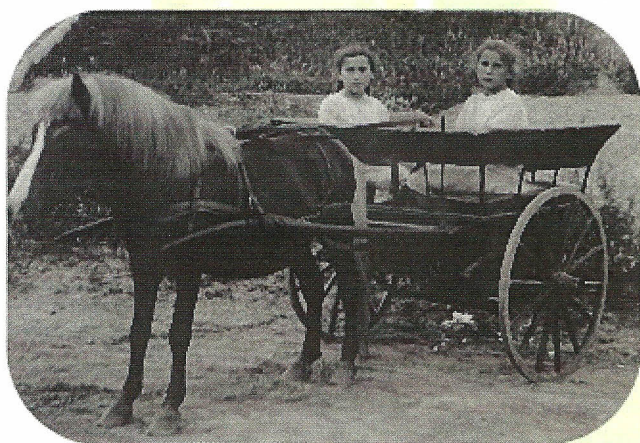
Bernadina
Antonia
(Bernice)
1909 - 1989



Bernice, George and Agnes

ALSO KNOWN AS
"BONNIE" or "Bun"
FRANK J SPAETH
WAS 14 WHEN
SHE WAS BORN
AND IS FAVORITE

The children of Frank and Matilda Spaeth



Bernice and Agnes

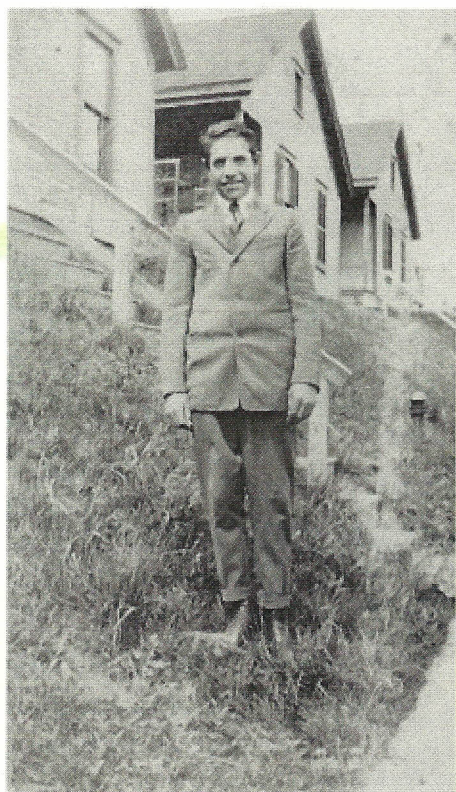


Bun and Agnes



Bun and Ag, 1927

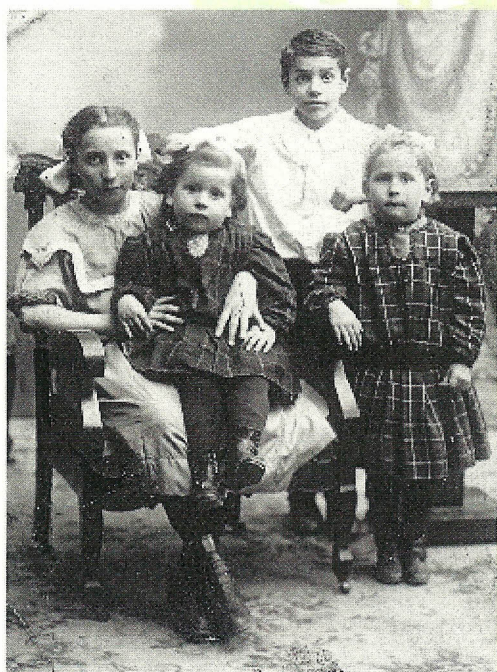
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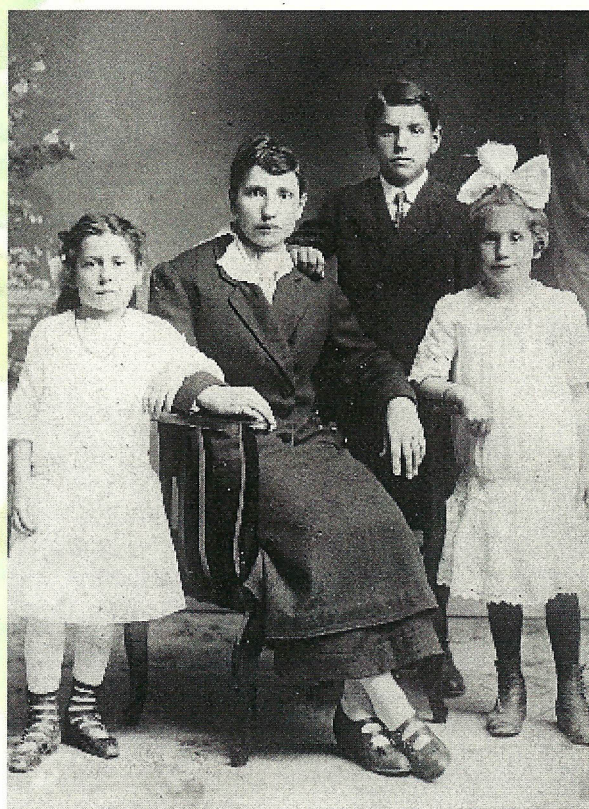
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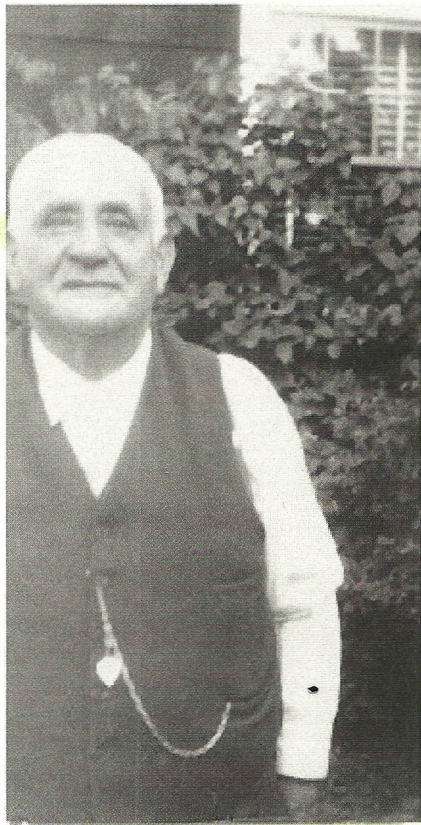


Anna, Frank, Grace,
George and Agnes



Grace, George,
Ag and Bernice

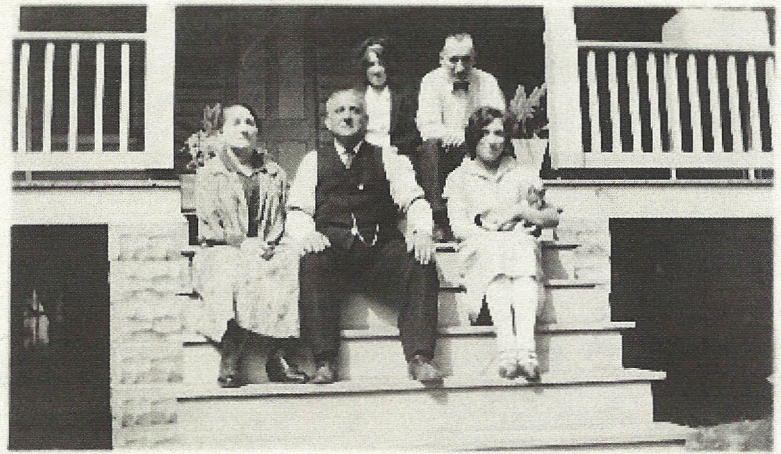




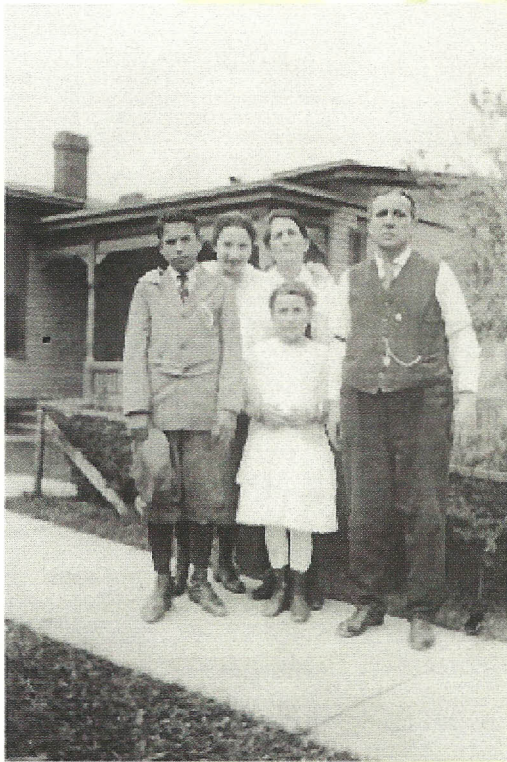
Frank Adolph (Pa)



Matilda (Adder), Pa and Bernice



Adder and Pa, Hazel and Bude, Bunny on Bude's front porch

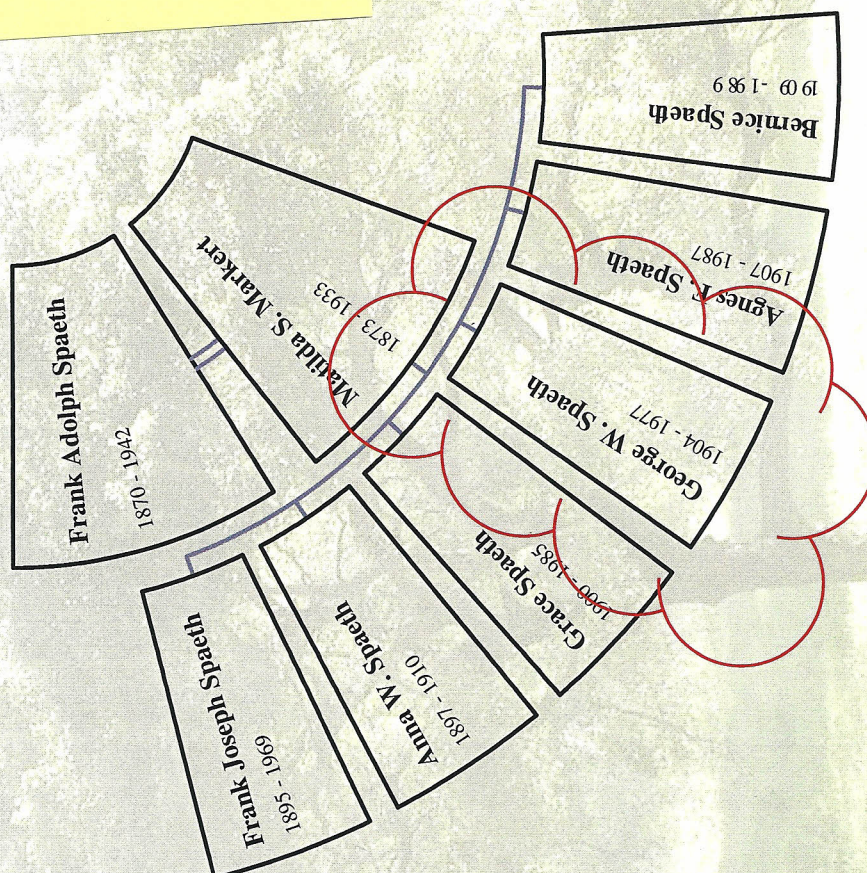


George, Grace, Matilda, Frank and Bernice

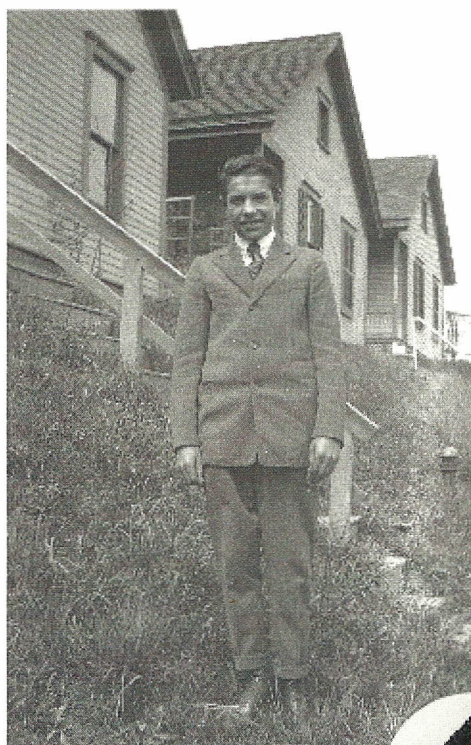
The family of Frank and Matilda Spaeth

Direct Descendants of Frank Adolph Spaeth

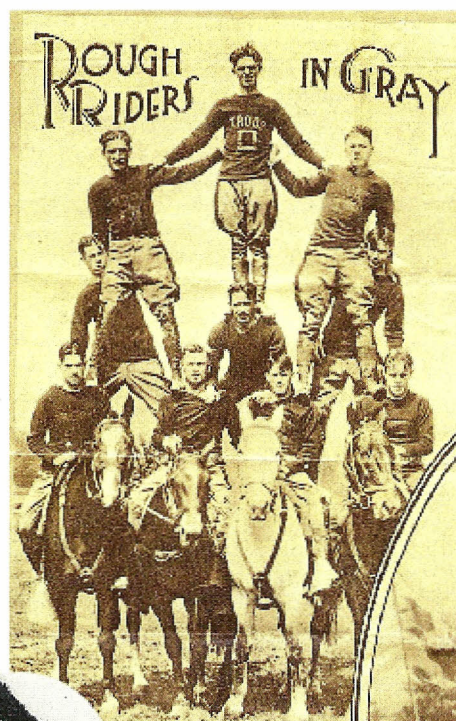
OVERVIEW OF
GEORGE Spaeth
Younger brother
of FRANK T. Spaeth
who WORKED FOR HIS
BROTHER AT THE
ESSEX CANDLE CO.
IN Late 1920's EARLY 1930's



RAY RATHBON W
BONNY SPAETHS
his band



George as a teenager at the Pond Lane house.



George Spaeth was a true family treasure. A man of interminable wit who was a joy to be with. Childless, he off times served as a surrogate father to Lee and Mike Carey and was a favorite uncle to the other cousins.

George joined the New York State Troopers November 1, 1926 at Troop D in Oneida. All ninety Troop D men were outstanding horsemen and would often put on demonstrations to the public. The men generally patrolled with Model Ts; however, during winter months, when roads were not plowed, horses were used. George being a rookie was given an old well serviced horse and rather than ride often had to lead the animal through the snow.

On one assignment George and a fellow trooper were called to help breakup a domestic dispute. Trying to intervene the husband ended up stabbing George in the arm. Not only did George have his left arm in a sling for an extended period but also he suffered an additional sting having to buy, at his own expense, a new overcoat.

George's career was shortened when a superior, involved in a major controversy, used George as a scapegoat to cover his indiscretions. Nevertheless, George throughout his lifetime proudly displayed a sticker on his automobile showing that he was a retired Trooper.

George and
Bessie Spaeth

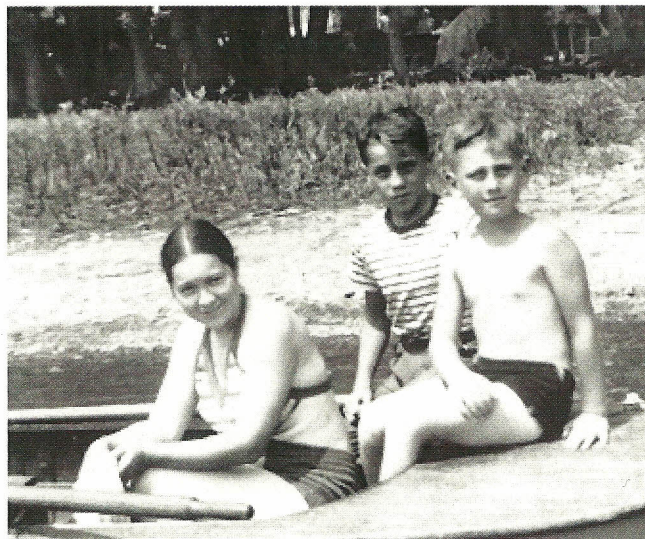
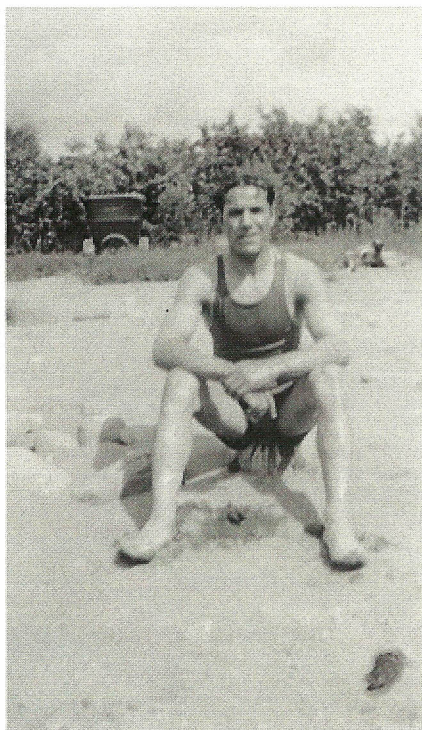


Bunny and Bessie

RAY RATHBUN
WAS BUNNY
SPAETH'S HUSBAND

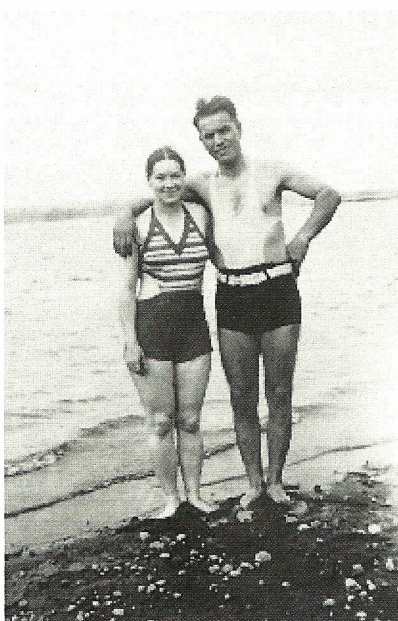


Ray and George

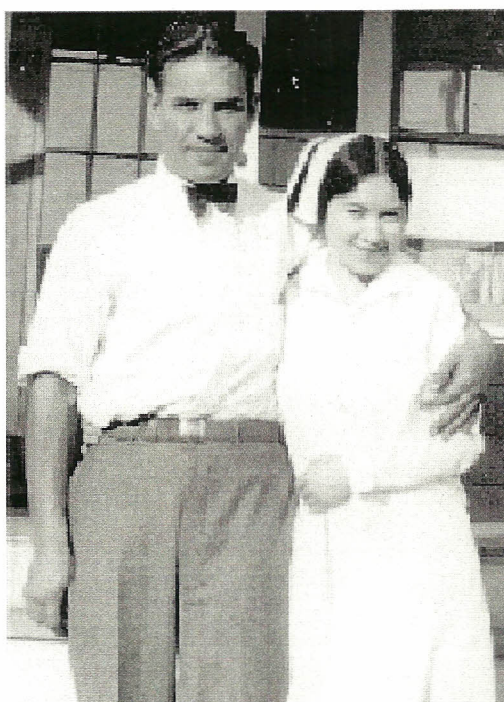


Bessie with Lee Carey
and Neil Rathbun

George and Bessie Spaeth



Bessie at
Fair Haven
Park in
1933



George and Bessie



1933



Bessie was born on a farm in upstate New York in 1906. During her early teens, her father hunting for the first time was accidentally shot in the shoulder. The bullet severed an artery and he died in the hospital two days later. Since this was many years before Social Security, Bessie, being the eldest of four daughters, was faced with the responsibility of helping to provide income for her family. Graduating high school as valedictorian, Bessie decided to become a nurse. Nursing was an immediate source of income and an opportunity to expand her education into a well paying profession. She worked for many years as a visiting nurse in the Central New York area.

While Bessie was in nursing school, she met George through a mutual friend. He must have been a dashing figure in those days. He was a member of the NY State Troopers and traveled much of his assigned territory on horse back.

George and Bessie married in the early thirties. In those days a nurse had to be single; consequently she had to keep her marriage a secret. Furthermore, because this was at the heart of the depression, they moved in with George's parents.

Bessie and George loved to travel and were avid campers. They were among the few brave souls who camped in New York's Adirondack Mountains before they were recognized state parks.

Bessie lost George in the early 70's but continued to maintain the old family home on her own. During this period she was an active member at a local senior citizen's center and provided inspiration, and in some cases personal care to some of the other senior citizens. Bessie lived in George's family home for more than sixty years until 1998, when she moved to an adult home. She died January 18, 2001.

Direct Descendants of Frank Adolph Spaeth



Hazel and Frank (Bude) Spaeth



FRANK J spaeth
&
Hazel Stivers
Marriage photo

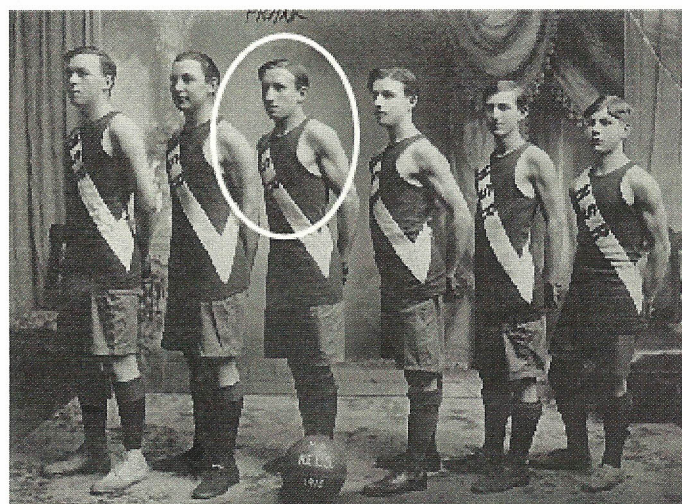


Frank (Bude) and Hazel Spaeth lived in Maryland. He owned the Essex Candle Company. They had no children.

Hazel, Bude and Bernice



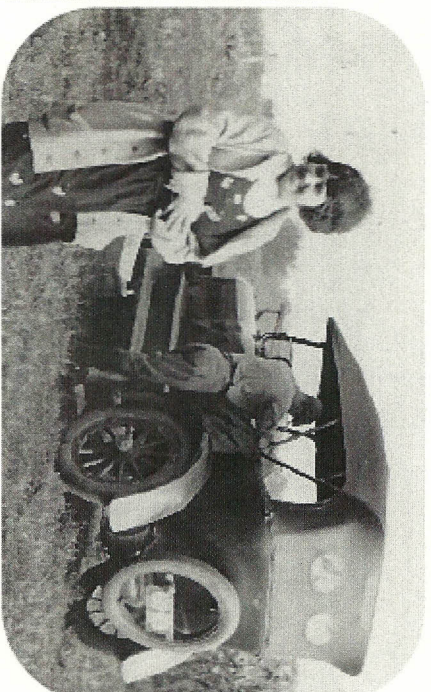
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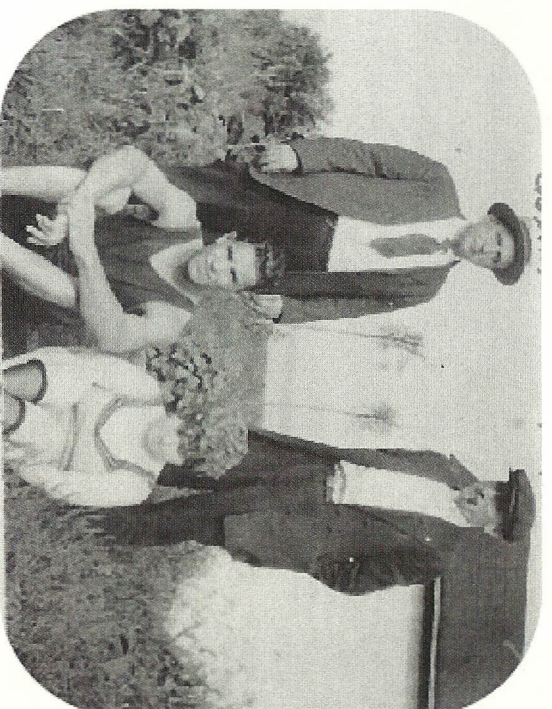
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Frank (Bude)
Spaeth 1937



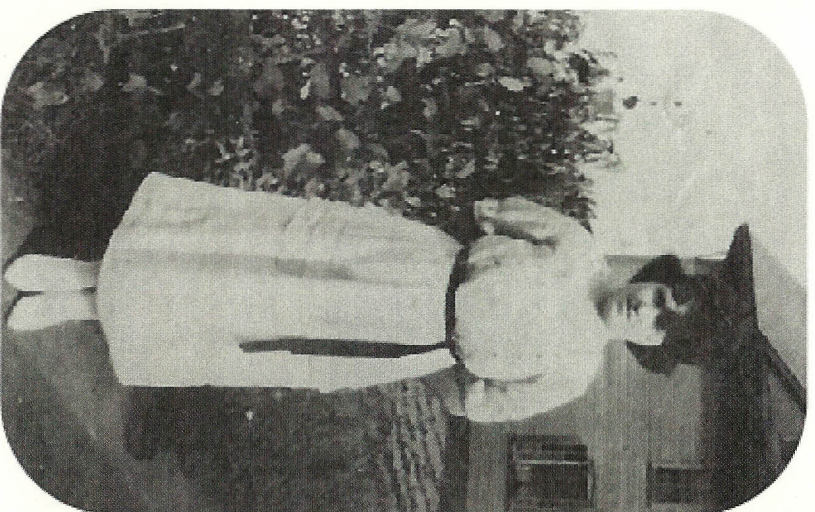
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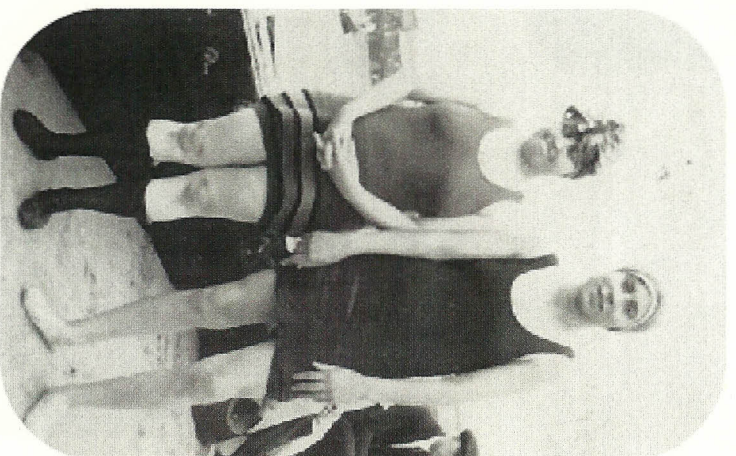
Frank, father
and son,
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Hazel Spauth



Hazel and Grace

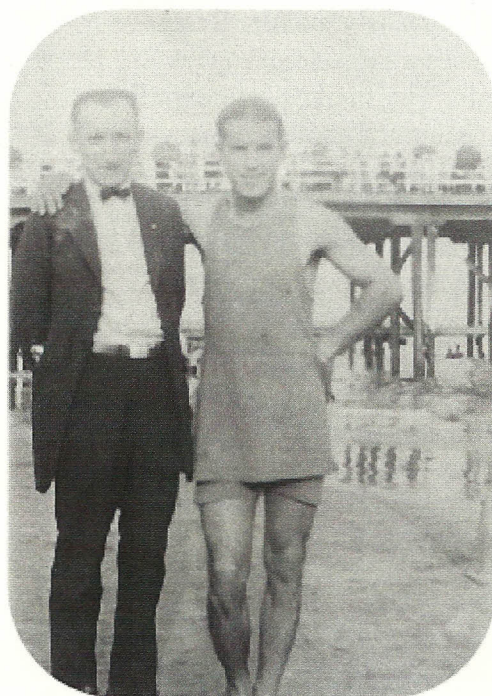


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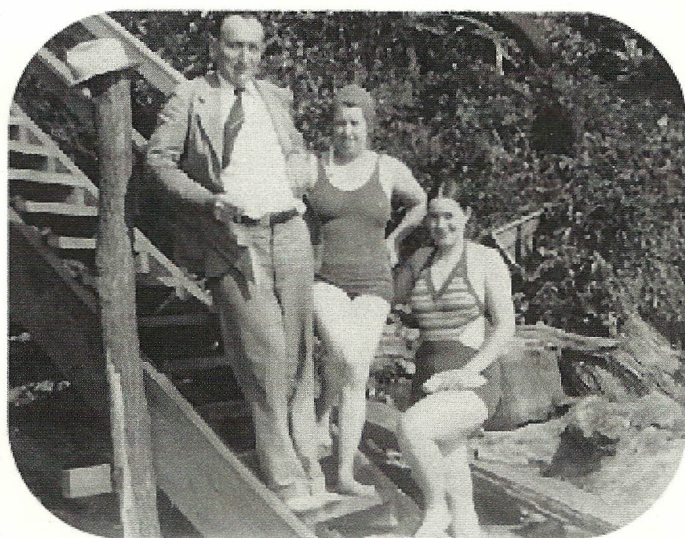
Frank and Hazel



Frank and George



Frank,
Hazel and
Bessie



Frank, eldest
son, and his
parents, Frank
and Matilda
Spaeth



The Spaeths and the Candle Business

When traveling from the north on Route 81, just as you enter Syracuse you will see a large smoke stack to your right. The smokestack identifies Will & Baumer Candle Company.

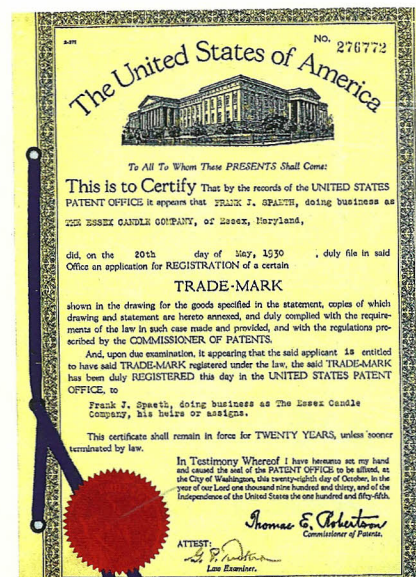
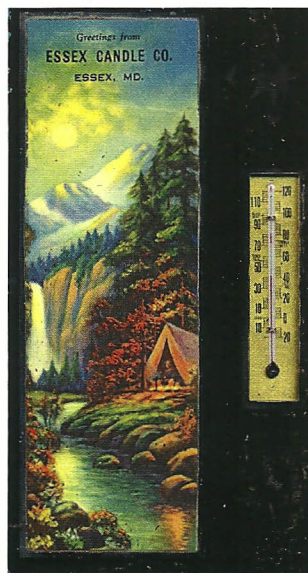
According to Francis Gamerdinger through Bunnie Rathbun, Will was a cousin of John Spaeth. Reportedly, John helped get Will to this country; furthermore, Will started his small business in the back of John's home. The business was making decorative wax inlays for expensive book covers. Will later parlayed his knowledge of wax along with his offspring into an international candle making business.



John's son Frank Spaeth worked his lifetime as a candlemaker at Will & Baumer. Frank and his family initially lived on North Alvord, which was just down the street from the factory. Sometime after Grace was born the family moved to Pond Lane. This house was originally a Will & Baumer factory house with the office just across the street. *Note: Pictures show Frank inside the plant and outside the North Alvord St. Plant in 1906*

Frank's son's Bude and George worked for Will & Baumer. Bude was later promoted to foreman and subsequently charged to manage a satellite plant in New Jersey. For some reason not immediately known, Bude left Will & Baumer to open his own business in Essex Maryland. Bude secured a trademark for the Essex candle Company on May 20, 1930.

Spaeth relatives looked forward each Christmas to receive an Essex Candle Company calendar that they hung with pride in their homes. After Bude died his wife Hazel donated the old hand operated candle making equipment to a local museum in the Essex area.



- F. Roger Dahlin

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Hello Jennie

Good talking to you today

Regarding your interest in obtaining articles of provenance relating to the old Essex Candle company. I am attaching three photos of candles I passed along to my oldest daughter Beth who lives in Ohio. These candles came from my Aunt Bessie Spaeth who died in 2002. Her husband was George Spaeth the younger brother of Frank J Spaeth who owned the Essex Candle Company. Bessie was a hoarder who died in the old Spaeth family home that Frank J Spaeth's father, Frank A Spaeth bought in 1905. This House was originally a workers home for the Will & Baumer. I will provide you with more information that follows on key players. Anyway, the long white candles have to be hand-dipped candles from Essex. The decorated candles may have come from Essex but more likely Will and Baumer. Are these candles something you may want? The decorated candles may be broken.

I plan to mail you out some info about the Spaeth family next week, Plus a few articles from the Syracuse Newspapers about the old Will & Baumer candle factory. My grandfather Frank A worked there his full working career. My Uncle Frank J as well as my mother Grace [Spaeth] Dahlin also worked there.

My cousin's daughter who died in 2011 put together a lovely 300 page 8X10 loose leave album about the Spaeth family. It includes many photos and a lot of historical input that I provided her. She worked for a company that was developing printing equipment from digital images so she was able to produce about 50 copies on high quality pages using trial runs. I donated a copy to the Onondaga County Library Historical research center in 2005 [still on file] and they sent me a nice thank you note. Most of the book is donated to newer generations including photos my family and grandchildren.

I am attaching page 1 of the album that includes an overview written by me. It includes information that I took from an old 1890's Syracuse newspaper that I still have a copy of. I will be mailing you original pages from the Spaeth album that covers several key figures. These include:

Frank Joseph Spaeth who owned the Essex Candle Company. He was my mother Grace (Spaeth) Dahlin's oldest brother who was known in the family by his baseball nickname as "Bude".

Hazel {Stivers} Spaeth Frank's wife who donated the candle company. An interesting footnote-- My older brother Richard Dahlin wife's mother was Hazel Spaeth's sister. They found this out when they were dating. Richard was the executor in Hazel's will. Frank and Hazel had no children.

George Spaeth married to Bessie (Halley) Spaeth lived in the old family that was originally a Will & Baumer factory home. George worked for his older brother Frank J in the late 20's and early 30's. I have a few letters from that period that Bessie wrote to George before they were married when George was in Essex. George and Bess had no children.

Frank A Spaeth My grandfather who worked most of his life as a foreman at Will and Baumer.

John Spaeth Patriarch Studied to be Catholic priest and probably was heading for St Bonaventure's in Buffalo before stopping off to visit friend in Syracuse

Have supporting info for lot of this stuff

Looking forward to working with you

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